MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The department does not maintain any accounts regarding the collections of the toll gate contractors.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether the department insists on the contractors to keep accounts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Does the member mean to say that they should keep separate accounts?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Yes.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is a rule that they should keep accounts.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): If so, may I know whether the department has called for the necessary accounts from the contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): We ask for them and check them when necessary.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand then, that the department did not call for the accounts of the contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Is it because the department could not believe in the genuineness of their accounts?

PRESIDENT: I wish to draw attention to the Honourable Member's own question.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Is it the duty of the department to see that the contractors keep correct accounts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice. I must look into the agreement.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand then that the official member has not looked into the details of the agreement before supplying this answer?

PRESIDENT: Evidently not, because he says he must look into the details.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know from the member whether these accounts are periodically inspected by the departmental authorities?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

Proverthicars and Accountants in the Edappalli Edavagai.

17. *MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Edappalli Chief appoints persons having no knowledge in survey as Proverthicaran and Accountant in his estate; and

(*b*) whether they have issued a communication to the Edappalli Chief to the effect that only persons having qualification in survey should be appointed as Proverthicars and Accountants?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):
(*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether the present incumbent possesses a knowledge of survey?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand from the answer that the Edappalli Chief has never appointed Proverthicars having no knowledge of survey?

MR. K GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I did not say so.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tirvvalla I*): My question is whether the Government have issued notice to them that they should appoint only men who have knowledge of survey? The answer given is no!

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

PRESIDENT: The answer 'no' is to part (*a*) and 'yes' to part (*b*).

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand from the member that the Edapalli Chief never appoints persons having no knowledge of survey? Am I right in understanding it like that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Thiruvalla I*): May I know whether the present incumbent has got any knowledge of survey?

PRESIDENT: He has already stated that he claims notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In view of answer to part (*a*) to the effect that the Edappalli Chief never appoints persons having no knowledge in survey as Proverthicars, I wish to know why the Government thought it right to address the Chief which was quite uncalled for?

PRESIDENT: (*a*) may be the result of (*b*)

Fraud in Treasuries.

18. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of fraud or neglect in treasuries or other offices which handle public money, reported by the Financial Secretary to the Audit and Appropriation Committee during the years 1108, 1109 and 1110 up to Medam?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASVAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The cases of fraud in treasuries and other offices during the year 1108 are contained in the Audit and Appropriation Report for the year 1108 already supplied to the members of the House. The Report for the year 1109 is in progress and will be supplied in due course. The irregularities of the current year will be included in the Report to be published next year.

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